

SCOTT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2004

The Scott County School Board met in regular session on Tuesday, November 30, 2004, in the Scott County Career & Technical Center Auditorium in Gate City, Virginia, with the following members present:

E. Virgil Sampson, Jr., Chairman

ABSENT: None

Gloria E. ?Beth? Blair

Lowell S. Campbell

David T. Kindle

Glenn M. McMurray

Joe D. Meade

OTHERS PRESENT: James B. Scott, Division Superintendent; Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations; C. Dean Foster, Jr., County Attorney; Loretta Q. Page, Clerk; K.C. Linkous, Deputy Clerk; Danny R. Meade, Maintenance/Transportation Director; Susan Peters, Scott County Education Association Representative; Lisa McCarty, Scott County Virginia Star; Kevin Castle, Kingsport Times-News; Gerald Miller, Duffield Mayor; Amy Reed, Gate City High School Volleyball Coach; Lindsey Musick, Kristen Salyer, and Krista Shelton, Gate City High School Volleyball Team Members.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Sampson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and presided.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: On a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Meade, all members voting aye, the board approved the agenda as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No members of the audience came forth to speak during the Public Comments period.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. Kindle, all members voting aye, the board approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, November 3, 2004 as submitted.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: On a motion by Mr. McMurray, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved payroll and claims as follows:

School Operating Fund invoices and payroll in the amount of \$1,195,761.65 as shown by warrants #8066635-8067479 (#8066396, #8066815-8067109, #8067125, and #8067455-8067466 voided).

School Improvement/School Construction Fund invoices in the amount of \$1,785.57 as shown by warrants #1900337-1900343.

Cafeteria Auxiliary Fund invoices and payroll in the amount of \$96,689.79 as shown by warrants #1006815-1006915 (#1006816 and #1006826 voided).

Scott County Public School Head Start invoices totaling \$54,341.54 and payroll totaling \$248.06 as shown by warrants #3848-3942 (#3854, 3860, 3867, and 3911 voided).

APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP REQUEST: On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. McMurray, seconded by Mr. Kindle, all members voting aye, the board approved the overnight field trip request received from Hilton Elementary School sixth grade students to Pigeon Forge and Chattanooga, Tennessee, May 18-21, 2005. Mr. Johnson explained that this date is subject to be changed due to SOL testing and schedule changes.

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO THE 2004-05 SCHOOL BUDGET:
Superintendent Scott presented a revenue and expenditures summary for the School Operating Fund (\$28,293,685); Cafeteria Operating Fund (\$1,299,170) and Construction Fund accounts

(\$293,635). He presented an opportunity for questions and comments on the Amendment to the 2004-05 School Budget.

Superintendent Scott informed board members that the County Board of Supervisors plan to advertise for a public hearing on the Amendment to the 2004-05 School Budget to be held in December and, hopefully the budget would be approved at their January 2005 meeting.

On a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. McMurray, this board hereby approved the Amendment to the 2004-05 School Budget as presented (3,625 Average Daily Membership).

Voting aye: E. Virgil Sampson, Jr., Lowell S. Campbell, Gloria E. ?Beth? Blair,

David T. Kindle, Glenn M. McMurray, Joe D. Meade

Voting nay: None

APPROVAL OF HEAD START FATHERHOOD PROJECT TRAINING: On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mr. Kindle, seconded by Mr. Meade, all members voting aye, the board approved the Head Start Fatherhood Project Training in the amount of \$4,000.00. The project also lists expenditures of Non-federal In-kind in the amount of \$1,000.00.

APPROVAL OF HEAD START PROCEDURES FOR ADJUSTING GRIEVANCES FOR HEAD START EMPLOYEES: Superintendent Scott informed board members that he and Dean Foster, County Attorney, have reviewed the Head Start Procedures for Adjusting Grievance for Head Start Employees and do not have a problem with recommending it for approval as submitted. On a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. McMurray, all members voting aye, the Head Start Procedures for Adjusting Grievances for Head Start Employees was approved as submitted. (Appendix __)

APPROVAL OF HEAD START POLICY COUNCIL MEMBER: On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Meade, all members voting aye, the board approved Ms. Mitzi Wilson as a Head Start Policy Council Member.

APPROVAL OF GATE CITY HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL TEAM

RESOLUTION: Chairman Sampson expressed congratulations and read the following resolution in recognition of the Gate City High School Volleyball Team State Championship:

RESOLUTION

GATE CITY HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL TEAM

2004 LONESOME PINE DISTRICT, REGION D, GROUP A STATE CHAMPION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the County School Board of Scott County, Virginia, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Gate City High School Volleyball Team has achieved an outstanding regular volleyball season by winning 24 games and losing 4 overall,

WHEREAS, the Gate City High School Volleyball Team won the Lonesome Pine District Championship with a record of 14 wins and 0 loss,

WHEREAS, the Gate City High School Volleyball Team won the Region D Championship with a record of 19 wins and 0 loss,

WHEREAS, the Scott County School Board wishes to extend congratulations to the Gate City High School Volleyball Team for winning the Lonesome Pine District Championship, Region D Championship, and for winning the State Quarter-final, Semi-final, and Final Games,

WHEREAS, the Scott County School Board acknowledges the outstanding performance of the Gate City High School Volleyball Team and is proud of the fine manner in which the team has represented Scott County,

WHEREAS, the Scott County School Board wishes continued success for the Gate City High School Volleyball Team and coaches,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Scott County School Board wishes a copy of this resolution to be presented to each player and the coaches of the Gate City High School Volleyball Team.

E. Virgil Sampson, Jr., Chairman

(Signature)

Lowell S. Campbell, Vice Chairman

(Signature)

Gloria E. ?Beth Blair, Board Member

(Signature)

David T. Kindle, Board Member

(Signature)

Glenn M. McMurray, Board Member

(Signature)

Joe D. Meade, Board Member

(Signature)

ATTEST:

*Loretta Q. Page, Clerk
Superintendent*

(Signature)

James B. Scott, Division

(Signature)

Mrs. Amy Reed, Gate City High School Volleyball Coach; and Lindsey Musick, Krista Shelton, Kristen Salyer, Gate City High School Volleyball Team members, accepted the resolution on behalf of the team.

RESIGNATION: On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Kindle, all members voting aye, the board approved the resignation request of Mr. Lonnie Lucas, School Bus Driver, effective November 5, 2004.

On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. McMurray, all members voting aye, the board approved the resignation request of Mr. Aaron Tipton, School Bus Driver, effective December 3, 2004. Mr. Tipton will continue as a substitute school bus driver.

On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. Meade, all members voting aye, the board approved the

resignation request of Mr. Aaron Tipton, Gate City Middle School Custodian, effective December 3, 2004.

EMPLOYMENT: On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. Blair, all members voting aye, the board approved the employment of Mr. Steve Bishop as Gate City Middle School 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach.

On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. Meade, seconded by Mrs. Blair, all members voting aye, the board approved the employment of Ms. Judith Babb, Vocational Run School Bus Driver, effective November 6, 2004.

On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. McMurray, all members voting aye, the board approved the employment of Ms. Melinda Brickey as a school bus driver.

On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. Kindle, seconded by Mrs. Blair, all members voting aye, the board approved the employment of Ms. Robin Estepp as a school bus driver.

C. DEAN FOSTER, JR. HONORED WITH FINNEGAN AWARD: Chairman Sampson extended congratulations to C. Dean Foster, Jr., County Attorney, for receiving the Finnegan Award and read the following:

?During the LGA?s (Local Government Attorneys) Fall 2004 Conference in Norfolk, C. Dean Foster, Jr., Scott County Attorney, received the 2004 Edward J. Finnegan Award for Distinguished Service. The award is given to recognize a person within or without LGA who has made significant contributions to local government law or to the LGA. Below is a partial reproduction of the LGA resolution detailing Dean?s accomplishments which earned him the coveted Finnegan Award.?

The recipient of LGA?s 2004 Edward J. Finnegan Award for distinguished service has served local government law with professional and personal distinction. His achievements and

longevity in the practice of local government law demonstrate a commitment to the highest professional and ethical standards and have helped enhance the image of local government attorneys in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Our award recipient currently serves as the Scott County Attorney and has served in that capacity in southwest Virginia for more than twenty-five years. As Scott County Attorney, Dean Foster has performed with grace, agility, and distinction. Over the years, Dean has also consistently distinguished himself statewide as an excellent local government attorney who has developed a profound knowledge and expertise in the area of commercial transactions and economic development.

Our award recipient has been an active member of the LGA almost since its inception. Dean has committed an enormous amount of time, energy, and dedication to the LGA, serving as an LGA board member, treasurer, vice-president, and president. He was among the original directors when the LGA was incorporated in 1987. During his board tenure, Dean implemented the first LGA budget. He has continued to support and work on numerous LGA projects. Dean's overall dedication and commitment to the LGA has been clearly demonstrated by the fact that over the past twenty-five years, he has rarely missed a semi-annual conference of the LGA.

Most recently, Dean has served as a member of the LGA Committee on Issues Affecting the Development and Interpretation of Local Government Law. In this capacity, Dean has worked first on the Conflict of Interests Act project and then on the Economic Development Incentives project. In conjunction with both projects, Dean voluntarily enlisted the assistance and input from attorneys outside the LGA organization to enhance the information and perspectives presented to the other committee members. Dean's attendance at the committee meetings held in Richmond over the past two years was exemplary, in spite of the considerable personal sacrifice he endured to travel the great distance from Scott County. Dean's participation and insightful contributions, his experience, and his colorful metaphors were both entertaining and substantively vital to the final products of these two projects, which have added greatly to the body of local government law in Virginia.?

Members of the audience applauded Mr. C. Dean Foster, Jr., County Attorney, in recognition of his receipt of this distinguished award.

ITEMS BY BOARD MEMBERS: Board members expressed appreciation to the Scott County Career & Technical Center staff for their hospitality. Members also expressed thanks to Ms. Judy Hensley, Culinary Arts Instructor, and students for the delicious meal served prior to the meeting.

Mr. Meade expressed that as his first year on the board comes to a close he has enjoyed working with other members, feels the school system has a lot to be proud of, has a lot of respect for fellow board members, Superintendent Scott, and County Attorney Foster, and is looking forward to working with the Scott County Planning Commission, and hopes that the school system can continue to work well with the Board of Supervisors.

RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING SEASON FOR ALL THREE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAMS: Mr. Kindle expressed congratulations and thanks to the Gate City, Rye Cove and Twin Springs High School Football Teams for their outstanding football season.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Kindle made a motion to adjourn at 6:35 p.m., motion was seconded by Mr. Meade, all members voting aye. The next regular will be held at 6: 00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 4, 2005, in the School Board Office Conference Room.

E. Virgil Sampson, Jr., Chairman

Loretta Q. Page, Clerk

